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EDITORIALS†

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Informal Meetings of Sunday, May 5.—On Sunday morning, May 5, the 1940 annual session of the California Medical Association will open at Coronado, in informal fashion, with study conferences by groups of physicians interested in problems relating to cancer, radiology and pathology.

In the afternoon, the county society secretaries will meet with the Association Secretary, Dr. Robert A. Peers of Colfax presiding, to discuss special and general work coming under their joint and individual jurisdictions.

The Council of the State Association will convene for its first meeting on the evening of Sunday, and on each of the four following days will hold a meeting to consider pertinent business.

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Hotel and Other Information Was Given in the November Issue.—A general outline of the plans for the scientific programs appeared on page 289, in the November, 1939, issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, hotel information and rates being given on page 333 of the same number. While the headquarters of this year's annual session will be at the Hotel Del Coronado, many members who wish to attend may prefer to make reservations at other hotels, either in Coronado or San Diego. The ferry service between Coronado and San Diego is frequent, boats making the trip about every ten minutes, except during the early morning hours.

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Emphasis on General Meetings to Be Held Each Morning.

—This year will witness a try-out of a new arrangement of general meetings and those of the scientific sections, of which latter the Association has twelve. The California Medical Association Committee on Scientific Work and the officers of the scientific sections agreed that there had gradually developed, at the annual sessions, an overemphasis on papers concerned with specialties in medicine, and that the increased meetings of specialty groups, while of interest to a limited number of physicians in attendance, was taking away,

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.

rather than adding to the value of the annual sessions, particularly to the large group in general practice, who constitute about 80 per cent of the Association's membership.

This year, therefore, no specialty sections will hold meetings during any of the four mornings, that time being allotted to general meetings, as follows: Monday, for the address of President Dukes, with speakers on legislative and organization problems and California Physicians' Service; Tuesday, a symposium on endocrinology and the Clinical-Pathological Conference; Wednesday, a presentation of surgical topics, with speakers again to discuss selected subjects both from the standpoint of general and specialty practice; and on Thursday morning a general survey of important problems in medicine and surgery, with emphasis on recent advances in scientific medicine. These plans have received Council approval.

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Entertainment Features on Tuesday Afternoon and Evening.—Because Tuesday afternoon has for years been set aside by Council action for entertainment and relaxation features, no section or scientific meetings will be held at that time. On Tuesday evening the dinner to the president will take place, to be followed by a reception and dance.

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Meetings of Scientific Sections and the House of Delegates.—The twelve scientific sections will assemble on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, the programs of one or two sections running over into Thursday afternoon.

Owing to the pressure under which the House of Delegates has been obliged to work during the last several years, due to the importance of the many organization and medical-service problems brought to the fore, an extra meeting of the House to convene at 4 p. m. on Wednesday afternoon will be held this year. Delegates are reminded that the evening meetings on Monday and Wednesday are scheduled to begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and they and officiating alternates should keep in mind, with respect to dinner hours, that the roll will be called at 8 p. m. and that all who have been duly registered should be in their seats at that hour.

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Woman's Auxiliary.—The Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association will also be in session each day during the annual session, the reception to the Auxiliary president, with a play and other entertainment, to follow, being a special feature for Monday evening.

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Scientific Exhibits; Commercial-Technical Division; and Films.—In spite of construction handicaps in the Hotel Del Coronado building, which is the oldest of existing resort hotels of Coronado, every effort will be made to give adequate space for the scientific exhibits, and for the technical-commercial division. Had it been possible to secure sufficient and suitable space, plans for an

extensive presentation of medical films would have been put into operation. However, the Council has authorized time allotments of 4 to 6 p. m. for medical films, about twenty minutes or so to be allocated to each exhibitor. The exact time of different film presentations will be bulletined later.

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Local Committee's Arrangements for Entertainment, Golf and Fishing.—The Local Committee of Arrangements, in addition to providing other entertainment, will arrange golfing and sea-fishing facilities for members who have interest in those sports.

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Members Are Urged to Attend the Coronado Annual Session.—From the above it must be apparent that this year's annual session should have real lure for members of the Association who can leave their professional work, and it is therefore to be hoped that all physicians who can arrange their schedules will make an earnest effort to register.

ON VARIOUS TOPICS

"Pre-Convention Bulletin."—Most organizations, prior to an annual session at which reviews of work of the preceding months and plans concerning the programs for the year or years ahead are given, seek to afford their members, in advance, indicated information concerning general and special activities; and some years ago, in order to meet such a need, the California Medical Association, through by-law provision, brought into being a "Pre-Convention Bulletin," designed to appear as a supplement to the issue of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL of the month preceding the annual session. Accordingly, with this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, another such supplement goes forward to each and every member.

Attention is called thereto, in the hope that readers more than ever may be led not only to scan the programs of scientific meetings, but to peruse carefully the reports of officers, committees, and county societies; because, in that way, a better understanding of the Association's work may be acquired. The financial audits, and comments and the reports on Association policies and work should be of special interest to all who realize the important part organized medicine must take in meeting the many serious issues with which the medical profession of today is constantly confronted. Particularly, should members of the House of Delegates take time for such preliminary reading and consideration.

The record of achievement for the year just closed is one in which the California Medical Association may take pride; for, in spite of heavy handicaps, much efficient service has been given to the profession. Other state medical societies face similar problems, the difference being that many of the issues that have come to the front in recent years seem to have first appeared in California. As other state organizations are obliged to face these newer